

METC Chat Newsletter

Medical Education and Training Campus (METC)

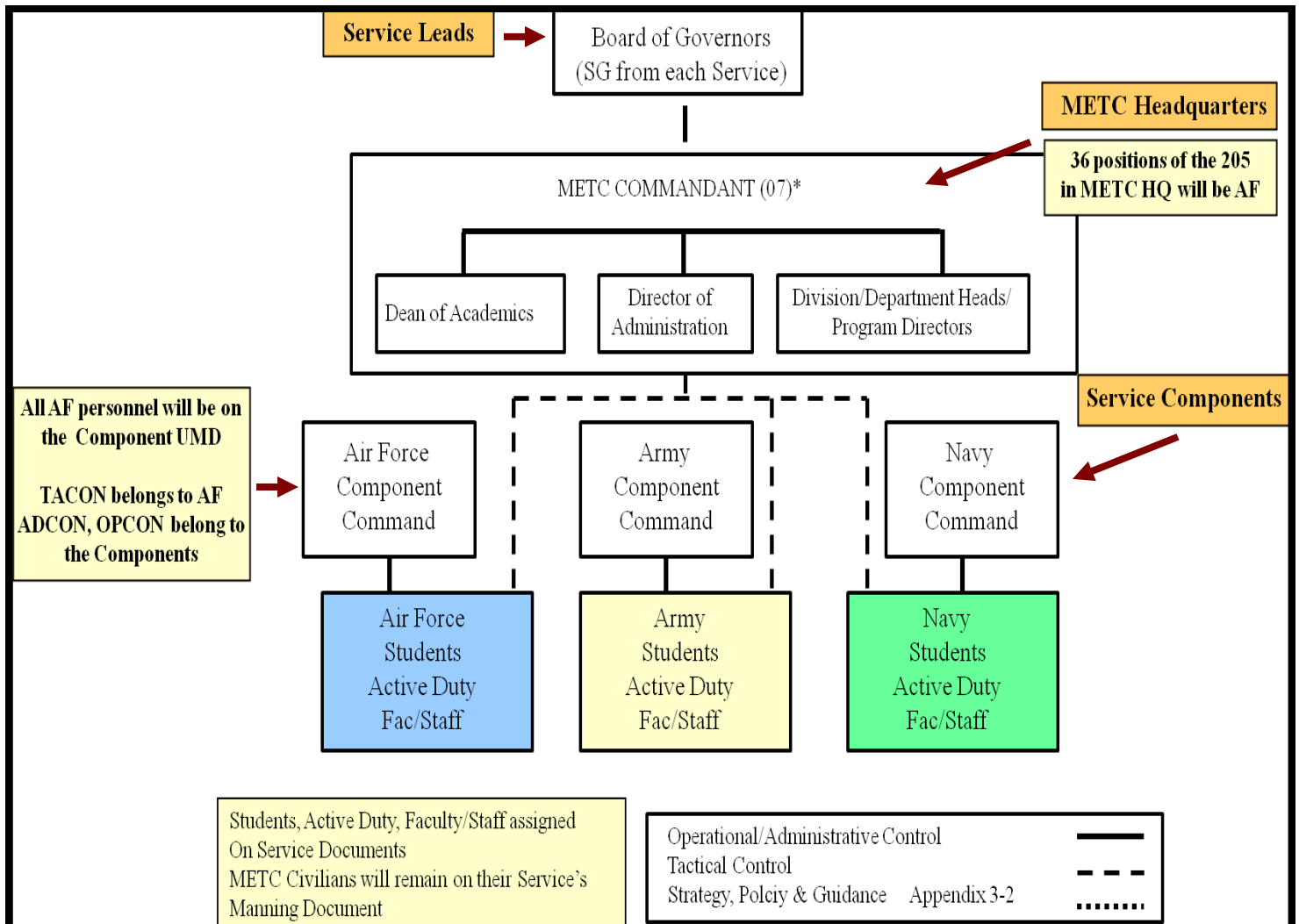
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WOW... I'm headed to METC...Where will I work?

If you are in the Air Force and being assigned to Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) or Camp Bullis, what is the process once you arrive? The first thing you will need to do is report to the AF Headquarters, building 903, 2nd Floor, and the personnel assigned there will assist you with your in-processing.

Now the question is - Where will you work?

The METC umbrella is broken down as follows. It starts with Board of Governors from the Air Force, Army and Navy. The next level is METC Headquarters followed by Service Components. The Air Force Component is the 882 TRG which is part of the 82 TRW. Air Force personnel will be on the AF Component UMD, with 36 AF personnel working within the METC HQ. The diagram depicts the METC Governance Model as it is currently to include who has OPCON, TACON and ADCON, which are defined on the following page.



ADCON - OPCON - TACON

Do you know the Difference?

ADCON: Defined as Administrative Control. Direction or exercise of authority over subordinate or other organizations in respect to administration and support. This includes organization of Service forces, control of resources and equipment, personnel management, unit logistics, individual and unit training, readiness, mobilization, demobilization, discipline, and other matters not included in the operational missions of the subordinate or other organizations (Joint Force's Definition).

OPCON: Defined as Operational Control. Transferable command authority that may be exercised by commanders at any echelon at or below the level of combatant command. Operational control is inherent in combatant command (command authority). Operational control may be delegated and is the authority to perform those functions of command over subordinate forces involving organizing and employing commands and forces, assigning tasks, designating objectives, and giving authoritative direction necessary to accomplish the mission. Operational control includes authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations and joint training necessary to accomplish missions assigned to the command. Operational control should be exercised through the commanders of subordinate organizations. Normally, this authority is exercised through subordinate joint force commanders and Service and/or functional component commanders. Operational control normally provides full authority to organize commands and



forces and to employ those forces as the commander in operational control considers necessary to accomplish assigned missions. Operational control does not, in and of itself, include authoritative direction for logistics or matters of administration, discipline, internal organization, or unit training (Joint Force's Definition).

TACON: Defined as Tactical Control. Command authority over assigned or attached forces or commands, or military capability or forces made available for tasking, that is limited to the detailed and, usually, local direction and control of movements or maneuvers necessary to accomplish missions or tasks assigned. Tactical control is inherent in operational control. Tactical control may be delegated to, and exercised at any level at or below the level of combatant command (Joint Force's Definition).

METC Facilities and Courses

Approximate transition complete dates for the Medical Instructional Facilities (MIF) and AF Dorm:

MIF 1 - May 10, MIF 2 - May 10, MIF 3 - Sep 10, AF Dorm - Sep 10,

MIF 5 - Nov 10, MIF 4 - Mar 11

The courses will be located in the following locations:

MIF 1	MIF 2	MIF 3	MIF 4	MIF 5
Radiology BMET Nuclear Medicine	HSMA Dental Pharmacy BOMO (AF)	ENT Urology Histopathology Cytotechnology Surgical Services Behavioral Health Medical Laboratory Electroneurodiagnostic	IDMT AMSA	Ophthalmic Orthopedics Cardiopulmonary

Building 1350 - Diet Therapy

Building 2841 - Physical Therapy

Building 2640 - Medical Logistics

MIF 4



MIF 2 - Dental



MIF 3



MIF 5



Today's Military Trainees

Col Lista Benson, Commander, 882 TRG

We are getting closer to making the big push to METC. For some of you it will be your first time stationed at a base and working with other services. The US Air Force, Army, and Navy each have separate basic training facilities, with the Army having more than one. The services have a common goal for basic training, they attempt to transform the civilian recruits into airmen, soldiers, and sailors that are disciplined and motivated and who are trained and able to perform basic military skills in their assignments. With that in mind, I would like to touch on what type of training the students, which we will be teaching at METC, accomplished to get where they are.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force only has one location for enlisted basic training: the 737th Training Group, at Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas. All active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and Air National Guard trainees attend Air Force Basic Military Training (AFBMT).

Air Force Military Training Goals: The AFBMT is 8 1/2 weeks long and is designed to teach the fundamentals of military life, the importance of discipline, promote teamwork and provide the foundational knowledge needed to succeed as an Airman. Completion of AFBMT allows the trainee the privilege to proudly wear the blue uniform of the most powerful Air Force in the world.

The major event at AFBMT is “**The BEAST**” (Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training). This is where basic trainees get to put everything they've learned about combat situations into practice. It prepares trainees physically as a warrior in the profession of arms.

AF Core Values - Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do

Service Terms

Army Terms

SM - Soldier's Manual
AA - Assembly Area
AAA - Alternate Assembly Area
AIT - Advanced Individual Training
DA - Department of the Army
ADA - Additional Duty Assembly
Newbie - This describes a fresh soldier just arriving into the unit



Navy Terms

Muster - assembly	Boot - a recruit
Chow - food	Shore up - prop up
Deck - floor	Rate - enlisted grades
Gung ho - highly motivated	Cover - hat

Today's Military Trainees

NAVY

The Navy only has one location for enlisted basic training, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, located on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Great Lakes, Illinois

Navy Military Training Goals: The mission at the Naval Station Great Lakes is to deliver highly skilled, technically, proficient, disciplined and motivated Sailors to the fleet. Basic training lasts for 8 weeks. Weeks 1 and 2 consist of intense physical training (PT), familiarization with ranks and the chain of command, learning Navy customs and standards of conduct and the basics of standing watch. Weeks 3 and 4 learn how to use the M9 pistol and Mossberg 500 pump-action shotgun, basic seamanship, how to identify U.S. Navy vessels and aircraft, the basics of shipboard communications, and the basics of being a purser. Weeks 5 and 6 consist of more drill training and training in damage control and firefighting. Week 7 is a week of review, the difficult 12-hour accumulative exercise an exam called "Battle Stations, another PT test and preparation for graduation..

Navy Core Values - Honor, Courage, Commitment

ARMY

The Army has several locations for Basic Combat Training (BCT), a 9-week training period that teaches identical skills for all Military Occupational Specialties. Locations include Ft. Benning, Ft. Knox, Ft. Sill, Ft. Jackson, and Ft. Leonard Wood. The location of BCT is based upon the soldier's follow-on assignment for Advanced Individual Training.

Army Military Training Goals: Basic Combat Training is a training course that transforms civilians into Soldiers. Over the course of 9 weeks, these recruits learn about the Seven Core Army Values, how to work together as a team and what it takes to succeed as a Soldier in the U.S. Army.

Phase 1: "Red Phase"- Orientation, Haircuts, Uniform Issue, Basic Tactical Training, Nuclear biological and Chemical Defense, Landmine Defense, Rappelling and Confidence Tower. Recruits learn about Army heritage and the Seven Army Core Values. Recruits undergo the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Phase 2: "White Phase"- Tactical Foot March, Basic Rifle Marksmanship, Engagement Skills and Situational Training Exercises, Field Training Exercises, Confidence Obstacle Course and the Tactical Foot March

Phase 3: "Blue Phase"- U.S. Weapons Training (.50 Caliber M2), (Hand Grenades), (M136 AT-4), (M240B) Machine Gun), (M249 Machine Gun), Field Training Exercise 3 and Tactical Foot March 10KM and 15 KM

Army Values - Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage

882 TRG ADVON Team Update

Greetings from San Antonio!....It seems like just a few “hours” ago, I provided an update. Actually, it was a couple of months ago so, I guess it’s time for another ADVON update. Since last report, the government accepted the Navy Dorm and the METC Dining Facility. There may be a few “punch list” items to resolve but these facilities are basically done and equipped for business. It’s exciting to see and to know our AF Dorm will be turned over to us in just a few more short months. Also, MIF 1 is finished and due for inspection and occupancy sometime in May. I will try to get in there send everyone an update soon. I hear it is very nice (no surprise!).

Our site at Camp Bullis is also nearing completion. Inspections and acceptance of those facilities is happening this week (week of 5 May). The landscaping was added recently and the place looks great. We’ve already received several truck loads of equipment from Sheppard MRTS and the Camp Bullis staff are busy getting things organized and accounted for. And OBTW...in case you thought the DV visits would stop as we move south, think again. Last month we supported 3 DV visits and briefings for 4 other DVs. I’m not even going to mention how we were also preparing to support a short notice visit by the AF/SG! That was canx’d but the point is still valid. Keep your “882 edge” sharp as you move south...we’re going to need it! We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony out there and that will happen on 8 Jun (tentative).

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS! I also note the meetings I attend are changing their flavor from planning to execution. For example, back in March, various organizations met at a METC ROC drill to clarify how we will all work with agencies from Ft Sam and/or the 502d ABW. In April, the METC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was re-worked and is being routed for approval in May. The MOA describes how the various METC team members should interact, their respective authority, roles and responsibilities. Rumor has it the METC staff is ready host meetings with the service components to discuss various agenda items on a regular schedule. While meetings are never fun, I just think it is all worth a mention since your AF component is starting to execute the plan so many others have made. We are now an active member of the newly formed Medical Education and Training Campus. There are things to do before training begins but we plan to make it on time and on target.

Stay tuned, I plan to provide another update in a couple of months. By that time, we should have almost 100 Airmen on board down here and even more accomplishments to talk about. That is all for now from Ft Sam!

Sincerely,

HC Scott

Your 882 TRG ADVON Team Lead

Chief's Corner

CMSgt Montano, 882 Group Superintendent

Members of 882 TRG...we have entered the ***MOVE ZONE!*** From this point on we are all going to have accept more responsibility and ownership of programs and taskings. As individuals begin to transition to METC we will have to pick up the slack in some programs and processes while the transition occurs. This will better enable continuity, while increasing synergy, of available staff. Remember that you are part of the 882 TRG even if you have already relocated to METC.

I would like to reinforce that the 882 TRG is still the 882 TRG, irrespective of what location you may be working at. If you are one of the many individuals that will be leaving for METC shortly or if you are already in place, I want to assure you that you are a vital member of this organization. Some of you may not be working directly in what your position is and you may be tasked to do other details and duties. METC is a huge undertaking and the 882 TRG is doing a great job in the transition process and...***Keep Working Hard!***

The METC Patch

Five swords and five "pillar" shapes represent the five branches of the service, which will "align as one" for medical training

Both the snake and staff are symbols that represent medicine

The torch symbolizes the light of education and learning



Biomedical Equipment Technician Course

The last BMET course to be taught at 882 TRG, Sheppard AFB started class on 11 Mar 10 and will graduate on 16 Nov 10. The students will undergo a grueling 208 days of training in the

41 long week course. The students will learn Electronic Principles, Anatomy & Physiology, Hospital Safety and Regulations, Soldering, Preventive Maintenance and troubleshoot on over 35 different pieces of medical equipment to include X-rays, Infusion Pumps, Incubators,

Dental Chairs, Sterilizers, and Computer Networking. The combined BMET course with Air Force, Army and Navy had their first class together at Sheppard AFB in Feb 99.



L to R: SPC Gallissara Agavatpanitch
Amn Chev Pastirik, AB Gregory McKenzie



SPC Gallissara Agavatpanitch

**882 TRG
Future
Last Classes**



Bldg 1900

May – Nov 10
HSMA
Mental Health
Diagnostic Imaging
Diagnostic Ultrasound
Surgical Services
Cardiopulmonary
Jan – May 11
IDMT
AMSA
Medical Materiel



Bldg 1917

Feb – Oct 10
Dental Assistant
Dental Lab
Physical Therapy
Medical Lab
Pharmacy
Diet Therapy
Ophthalmic

Physical Medicine Apprentice Course



The last Physical Medicine Apprentice (PMA) course to be taught at the 882 TRG, Sheppard AFB started class on 25 Feb 10 and is scheduled to graduate on 18 Jun10. The students in the PMA course will be here over 17 weeks for training. Within the 81 training days, the course encompasses all the criteria required by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). While at the PMA course, the Airmen receive training in Anatomy & Physiology (functional anatomy: skeletal, muscle insertions/origins, etc), Therapeutic Procedures (massage, orthotics, etc), Physical Agents (thermotherapy,

electrotherapy, etc), and 6 days of practical experience at the Physical/Occupational Therapy Clinics located at the Sheppard AFB hospital. Upon completion of the PMA course, along with CAPTE's oversight, these Airmen can receive their Community College of the Air Force Degree from a nationally accredited program. Thus, eventually being able to test for and acquire their Physical Therapist Assistance licensure. This will be the last independent AF PMA class. Effective FY11, the AF will join with the Army and Navy as the 882 TRG transitions to METC; where our future Airmen will meet the challenges which face our Nation and the Physical/Occupational Therapy career fields.

Back Row, L-R

AIC Holley, AB Summers, AB Maggiore
AB Hale, AIC Sanders, Ann Tjarks

Front Row, L-R

AIC Angeloni, AB Haller, AB Youngblood
SSgt Dorner, AB Vanderbosch



Pharmacy Apprentice Course

The last Pharmacy Apprentice Course to be taught at the 882 TRG, Sheppard AFB began on 12 Apr 10 and is scheduled to graduate on 8 Jul 10. The course is 60 training days in length plus 2 days of medical readiness training. The course consists of 6 blocks of instruction covering pharmacy math, drug therapy, and various aspects of pharmacy practice to include inpatient pharmacy, outpatient pharmacy, and medication compounding. The program is accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists. Upon completion of the course the students go to either Keesler AFB or Lackland AFB for 15 days of Phase II experiential training. Upon completion of their Phase II training students are eligible to take the pharmacy technician certification exam. Beginning in Sep 10 the AF will join with the Army and Navy for 60 days of combined training as the 882 TRG transitions to METC; where our Airmen will meet the challenges which face our Nation and the Pharmacy career fields. Additionally, the last Pharmacy Craftsman class at Sheppard AFB graduated on 16 April 20 and the last BOMO class will be held in June 10. These courses will remain unchanged but will transition to the METC campus this summer along with the Pharmacy Apprentice Course.



Homeowner's Assistance Program – They Can Help

If you are a BRAC 05 impacted homeowner, visit the website and download and complete the application. Carefully read all instructions, and mail your completed application to the USACE district responsible for the area in which your home is. Once DoD implementing guidance is received the district will contact you concerning your eligibility and benefits.

<http://hap.usace.army.mil/homepage.html>

*Are you interested in living in
Military Housing in San Antonio?*



The METC TOC has received numerous questions concerning procurement of base housing upon their relocation to Ft Sam Houston/Camp Bullis. Below are the procedures, as of today, for obtaining base housing.

You are authorized to apply for housing at two different locations:

- **Members working at Ft Sam Houston can apply at Randolph and Fort Sam Houston**
- **Members working at Camp Bullis can apply at Lackland and Fort Sam Houston**

Members have up to 12 months to use their initial orders that brought them to Fort Sam Houston to be able to move onto base housing. The member must have applied for housing and none was available. Once housing does come available, the member will contact the MPS/TMO and use their orders.

However, if the member does not apply for housing before they arrive or upon arrival and later decides that they would like housing, it will be at the members cost.

<http://randolph.pinnaclefamilyhousing.com/>

<http://samhouston.army.mil/dpw/housing.asp>

<http://lacklandhousing.com/>

Randolph and Lackland Military Housing

Randolph Military Housing

The Landings at Randolph
205 New B Street East
Bldg 133
Universal City, TX 78148
Office: (210) 659-9061
Fax: (210) 659-9040



The Landings at Randolph offers historic 3 and 4 bedroom homes . Owned and operated by AETC II, Privatized Housing LLC, a joint venture between Hunt, Pinnacle, and the U.S. Air Force.

Lackland Military Housing



Balfour Beatty
Communities

Capital Asset Management Office
2525 Fairchild St
Lackland AFB, TX 78236
210-674-9366 / 210-645-9511

Lackland military housing is managed by the Lackland Air Force Base Capital Asset Management Office, formerly Lackland Military Family Housing Office.

Fort Sam Houston Military Housing



The Fort Sam Houston Community offers 925 housing units from 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom to 5 bedroom, 6 ½ bath homes. The community is divided into three housing villages, each with its own community center and housing office. Community centers feature a large pool, playground and resident center, with the full-sized Jimmy Brought Fitness Center located on-post.

Artillery Post/Hancock were built in 1905-1908 in a Georgian Revival style. The houses feature large porches and gracious yards that help mediate the summer heat. The homes typically face the historic barracks across the parade grounds, creating a spectacular setting. The village is comprised of detached houses and two quad-plexes and is within the National Historic Landmark District.

Each pet-friendly home allows a two-pet maximum, and comes equipped with central air, refrigerator, stove and dishwasher.

Lincoln Military Housing Office (On-post Housing)

Lincoln Resident Center,
Bldg 407, Dickman Road, Office: 210-270-7638
**RANKS: O1 – O6 requiring 2, 3, or 4
Bedrooms**

Harris Heights Community Center,
3751 Patch Rd, Office: 210-824-9587
**RANKS: E1 – E6 requiring 2 Bedrooms
E-7 – O3 requiring 3 or 4 Bedrooms**

Watkins Terrace Community Center,
5840 Frazier Rd, Office: 210-832-8104
RANKS: E1 – E6 requiring 3 or 4 Bedrooms

Eligibility

LMH will offer homes to eligible residents consistent with priorities set in place. All new residents will be required to sign a 6 month lease. Early termination exceptions will be granted with a 30-day written notice and a copy of Orders as per Paragraph 5 of the Family Occupancy Housing Agreement.

Occupancy Limits

LMH will assign housing based on the number of non-spousal dependents, according to the following chart:

Dependant Status Bedroom Eligibility

Married – No Dependents 2 Bedroom
Married – One Dependent 2 Bedroom
Married – Two Dependents 3 Bedroom
Married – Three Dependents 4 Bedroom
Married – Four or More Dependents 4 BR
or 5 BR (if available)

Utilities Assistance – San Antonio



Utilities

On Jan. 1, 2002, the electric utility industry's retail market in Texas was deregulated. For the first time in Texas history, residential and commercial consumers were able to choose their retail electric providers from a lineup of powerful competitors. To compare the prices and services of retail electric providers (REPs), you should ask for the company's "Electricity Facts Label," which provides information on prices, contracts, sources of power generation and emissions. The Texas Public Utility Commission provides information about electric choices on its Web site or call (866) 797-4839 for more information. www.powertochoose.org

Electric and Gas

CPS Energy—First Connections

City Public Service Energy (CPS Energy), the nation's largest municipally owned energy company providing natural gas and electric service, serves approximately 650,000 electric customers and more than 312,000 gas customers in the greater San Antonio area. The city of San Antonio owns CPS Energy, and a five-member board of trustees sets policy. CPS Energy bills rank among the lowest of the nation's largest cities. For more information, go to or call (210) 353-2222. www.cpsenergy.com

Water



San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and Bexar Metropolitan Water System (BexarMet) are the two largest water purveyors in the San Antonio/Bexar County area. The primary supply of potable water is obtained directly, without the need of further treatment, from an extensive limestone aquifer. The quality of the water from Edwards Aquifer surpasses all federal drinking water standards and requires only chlorine injection before entering the distribution system. SAWS also operates a sewer system serving most of Bexar County. Wastewater facilities perform advanced secondary treatment using a biologically activated sludge process. To contact SAWS, call (210) 704-7294, or go to www.saws.org. For BexarMet service, call (210) 354-6500, or go to www.bexarmet.org.

<http://www.bexarmet.org/...BexarMet Water District>

<http://www.cpsenergy.com/...CPS Energy>

<http://www.timewarnercable.com/sanantonio/...Time Warner Cable>

Fort Sam Houston Child Care Assistance

SSgt Ashley Smith-HSMA Course



In preparation for the METC move many of us are concerned about child care options. For my family the Fort Sam Houston CDC was preferred over a civilian daycare. I found it very easy to place my daughter on the waiting list. There are many ways to receive the application. It can be requested over the phone, DSN 471-1725 and they will e-mail or fax you the form, or you can go to

<http://fortsamhoustonmwr.com> and gather the information via the web. Once you get to the website click on Soldiers & Family Services. Next option will be CLEOS/ Parent

Central. When you scroll to the bottom of the page you will see Forms/Checklists. The Waitlist Form will be the last option on the left side. Once you have filled out the application you can fax it to DSN 471-4820 or email it to Roxanne.P.Lacy@US.Army.Mil. Be sure to read the second page of the application in the Understanding Statement: (below)

I understand that:

1. There is no preference for care list for space availability in Family Child Care homes on Ft. Sam Houston.
2. Priority for space availability is determined by the date my child is placed on the Preference for Care List. Length of waiting period cannot be predicted. When sponsors are offered a space they have 24 hrs. to contact the Central Registration office to accept the space or the space is forfeited.
3. Any changes in information on this request form must be made by the sponsor.
4. My child(ren) name can be deleted from the Preference for Care Listing if:
 - a. Sponsor cannot be reached at the telephone numbers provided
 - b. Decline the offered space.
 - c. Sponsor does not contact Central Registration every 3 months to confirm the desire to keep child on listing.

The personnel at the Fort Sam Houston CDC have been extremely helpful in providing assistance. I hope you find this information helpful in obtaining your childcare needs and have a smooth transition.

882 TRG Course Transitions

Courses starting at METC/Camp Bullis in 2010



MEDICAL READINESS

First Class at Camp Bullis – Jun 10

EMRC

First Class at Camp Bullis – Sep 10



Last Class Sheppard
May 10-Nov 10

DENTAL LAB

First Class at METC
Aug 10-Feb 11



Last Class Sheppard
Mar 10-Jan 11

BMET

First Class at METC
Aug 10-Jun 11



Last Class Sheppard
Apr 10-Jul 10

PHARMACY

First Class at METC
Sep 10-Dec 10



Last Class Sheppard
Jun 10-Aug 10

HSMA

First Class at METC
Oct 10-Jan 11



Last Class Sheppard
Jun 10-Sep 10

DENTAL ASSISTANT

First Class at METC
Oct 10-Dec 10



Last Class Sheppard
Jul 10-Oct 10

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

First Class at METC
Oct 10-Jan 11



Last Class Sheppard
Jul 10-Sep 10

SURGICAL SERVICES

First Class at METC
Nov 10-Jan 11



Last Class Sheppard
May 10-Sep 10

MEDICAL LABORATORY

First Class at METC
Nov 10-Mar 11



Last Class Sheppard
Jun 10-Sep 10

MENTAL HEALTH

First Class at METC
Nov 10-Feb 11



METC Website – It is up and running

www.metc.mil

Comprehensive collection of information available to the public . Includes live chat support, streaming videos, and course launch dates. Podcasting, newcomer information, campus maps and a virtual tour.

The next phase of METC online information will be the campus portal. Available only to CAC enabled users and will provide more specific information to METC faculty, staff and students.

Start with the in-processing checklist! The in-processing checklist has all the steps necessary to get you up and running at the METC. Network accounts, Information Assurance, Medical/Dental, AKO, Housing, Government Travel Card, and much more. Please fill out the checklist below! If you have any questions, contact METC's Campus Support Center at 210-808-METC.



- Online Cybrary is the central location for online learning
- Self-paced online courses, ebooks, research material, podcasts, and much more
- Provides METC students with the ability to learn content, anytime from anywhere on the campus



- Call center for the METC
- Traditional help desk issues regarding computer problems and trouble tickets
- Assists all faculty, staff and students with in/out processing, base information, medical & dental care, transportation issues, and just about anything needed while at the METC

San Antonio is a city with several special events, sporting events, festivals and celebrations that will keep you busy all year around. From Fiesta parades to the Riverwalk events there is always something to keep you occupied in San Antonio.



May – August: WNBA - San Antonio Silver Stars



15 - 16: 9th Annual Soul Food Festival & 2nd Annual Gospel on the Plaza Competition



San Antonio Buzz / What's Happening

Newly renovated USO opens in downtown San Antonio

www.af.mil

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

USO officials unveiled a newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility for military members and their families April 7, 2010 at the USO San Antonio Riverwalk Center which accommodates more than 3,000 patrons a month.

The renovated facility features a children's play area, a computer area with six new stations, free Wi-Fi, refurbished pool tables, an eight-man gaming battle station and four individual gaming rooms with Nintendo Wiis and Xbox 360s, a reading room and a theater room. There is also a snack bar area with an ice cream sundae station, snacks and beverages.

The center closed its doors Dec. 1, 2009 and reopened two months ahead of schedule. For 68 years, USO officials have been providing morale-boosting programs and services to enhance the quality of life for military personnel in downtown San Antonio area.

Although it's a new center, the USO mission remains unchanged: to support the troops and their family members by providing a home, away from home, for all of them.

The renovated USO San Antonio Riverwalk Center serves military members and families stationed Lackland, Laughlin and Randolph Air Force bases, Brooks City-Base, Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis and wounded warriors recovering at the San Antonio Military Medical Center.



Newly renovated dining area

